# The Daily Whip

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**TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2003** 

House Meets At	Last Vote Predicted At
10:30 a.m.: Morning Hour 12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business	7:00 p.m.
Unlimited "One Minutes"	

### **FLOOR SCHEDULE**

The House will convene at 10:30 a.m. for morning hour and 12:00 p.m. for legislative business. Votes will be postponed until 6:30 p.m.

H.R. 2658 - Fiscal Year 2004 Department of Defense Appropriations Act (Rep. Lewis {CA} - Appropriations) (Subject to a Unanimous Consent Agreement)

#### Suspensions (3 bills):

- **1) H.R. 1761** To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9350 East Corporate Hill Drive in Wichita, Kansas, as the "Garner E. Shriver Post Office Building" (Rep. Tiahrt Government Reform)
- **2) H.R. 2396** To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1210 Highland Avenue in Duarte, California, as the "Francisco A. Martinez Flores Post Office" (Rep. Solis Government Reform)
- **3) H.R. 2631** To provide that the actuarial value of the prescription drug benefits offered to Medicare eligible enrollees by a plan under the Federal employees health benefits program shall be at least equal to the actuarial value of the prescription drug benefits offered by such plan to its enrollees generally (Rep. T. Davis {VA} Government Reform)

# **BILL SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES**

**H.R.2658 - Fiscal Year 2004 Department of Defense Appropriations** (*Rep. Lewis {CA} - Appropriations)*. Under the previously agreed to Unanimous Consent Agreement, the bill will be debatable for one hour. Amendments will be considered under the 5-minute rule. This bill provides new appropriations of \$368.7 billion for the Department of Defense for FY 2004. This bill includes \$73.7 billion for procurement programs (\$1.2 billion above FY03 funding); \$64.6 billion for research and development programs (\$6.4 billion more than FY03); \$115.3 billion for operation and maintenance programs (\$583 million above FY03); and \$98.3 billion for personnel (\$4.7 billion over FY03). Specific funding highlights in the \$368.7 billion appropriated include: \$11.5 billion for shipbuilding programs; \$8.9 billion for the Ballistic Missile Defense program; \$4.6 billion for the Special Operations Command; and \$1.3 billion for unmanned aerial vehicles. This bill was reported out of committee by voice vote on June 26.

## **REMINDERS**

- > The Republican Leadership has announced that the voting time on 15-minute recorded votes will be strictly enforced.
- > Please Notify the Democratic Whip's Office if you will be absent.

# Daily Quote...

"We think it would absolutely destroy Head Start."

-Sarah Greene, president and chief executive of the National Head Start Association, regarding President Bush's Head Start proposals, in The New York Times today